

Troopers Investigating Serious Crash- Bethany Beach

Bethany Beach- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a serious crash involving a pedestrian that occurred yesterday.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at approximately 5:26 p.m. when a 2016 Nissan Frontier pick-up truck was traveling northbound on Coastal Highway in the left lane in Middlesex Beach, approaching the intersection of Hickman Plaza Drive. A pedestrian was walking in a westerly direction within the unlit and unregulated crosswalk. The operator of the pick-up truck did not observe the pedestrian and struck him with the front of his vehicle.

The pedestrian, a 79-year-old male from Ithaca, NY, was wearing dark clothing and not carrying a light. However, just ahead of him was his wife who was reportedly holding a small keychain type flashlight. His wife was not struck. The pedestrian was initially transported to the Beebe Medical Center where he was subsequently transferred to the Christiana Hospital with life threatening injuries.

The driver of the pick-up truck, a 57-year-old male from Ocean View, DE, was properly restrained and not injured as a result of this crash.

The roadway was closed for approximately 3 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit

Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov

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